## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of operating a set of devices comprising: receiving a real-world description in the form of an instruction set of a markup language [[(300)]], the description including asset terms [[(200)]] and effect terms [[(202)]],

requesting assets <u>identified by the asset terms</u> and effects <u>identified by the effect</u> according to the terms in the description [[(304)]],

modifying at least one asset <u>identified by an asset term in the description</u> according to at least one effect <u>identified by an effect term in the description</u> (306, 314), and

operating the devices according to the assets [[(308)]].

- 2. (Original) A method according to claim1, wherein the modifying of an asset is executed by a first device of the set of devices, the first device transmitting the modified asset to a second device in a set.
- 3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein a device of the set of devices receives an unmodified asset, the modifying of the asset being executed by that device.
- 4. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1, and further comprising: receiving, as a portion of the real-world description, location data, the location data being associated with at least one term of the real-world description.
- 5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the terms of the real-world description is location neutral.

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- 6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 4, and further comprising retrieving location information for at least some of the devices in the set of devices, matching the location information with the location data, and modifying only some of the assets according to the matching.
- 7. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, and further comprising distributing the description amongst the devices of the set.
- 8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, and further comprising reading the description at a local server.
- 9. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the modifying of at least one asset comprising modifying an asset according to a plurality of effects.
- 10. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a set of devices (10, 12, 28, 14, 24, 26, 16, 18, 20), at least one device of the system being arranged:

to receive a real-world description in the form of an instruction set of a markup language [[(300)]], the description including asset terms [[(200)]] and effect terms [[(202)]],

to request assets identified by the asset terms and effects identified by the effect terms according to the terms in the description [[(304)]], and

to modify at least one asset <u>identified by an asset term in the description</u> according to at least one effect <u>identified by an effect term in the description (306, 314)</u>, the devices of the set being operated according to the assets [[(308)]].

11. (Original) A system according to claim 10, wherein at least some of the devices of the set are interconnected by a wireless network.

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- 12. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein at least some of the devices of the set are interconnected by a powerline carrier network.
- 13. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein a device of the set is a local server.
- 14. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein one or more devices of the set of devices is provided with storage capability, which capability is accessible by at least one other device of the set.
- 15. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 10, wherein each device of the set of devices has associated location information.